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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

Incident Information

URN: 9 1 1 - 0 0 5 8 2 - 8 5 2 1 - 1 4 4	Date: 3/4/11		Time: 0930
Location: 813 East 4th Place		City or Station: Los Angeles	
Bureau/Station/Facility: County Services Bureau		Admin. Investigation: YES ☐ NO ☒	
Type of Force: Take Down/Resisted Handcuffing			
Deputy Injury : YES ☒ NO ☐	Suspect Injury YES ☒ NO ☐		
☐ Call	☒ Observation	☐ Detail	☐ Foot Pursuit ☐ Vehicle Pursuit
IAB Notified: YES ☒ NO ☐	Person Notified: Lt. Stefanie Fredericks	Emp: [redacted]	IAB Roll Out: YES ☒ NO ☐

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: Ponce	First Name: Gustavo	Middle Name: A.
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: Hispanic	Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 852O9-Security Officer
Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5'11" / Weight: 300lbs
☒ Injured ☒ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ / Significant Force ☒

E 2

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name: [redacted]	First Name: [redacted]	Middle Name
Sex: ☒ Male ☐ Female	Race: Asian	Unit of Assignment: County Services Bureau	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 852A3 - Deputy
Shift: ☐ EM ☒ Day ☐ PM	☒ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age: [redacted]	Height: 5'10" / Weight: 170 lbs
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ / Significant Force ☐

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female	Race: Hispanic	Unit of Assignment: Carson Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
Shift: ☐ EM ☐ Day ☐ PM	☐ Regular Shift ☐ OT Shift ☐ Off Duty	Age:	Height: / Weight:
☐ Injured ☐ Treated ☐ Admitted	Hospital:	Coroner Case #	Directed Force ☐ / Significant Force ☐

☐ **Additional Involved Employees**

On Duty Supervisor

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
[redacted]	Wall	Keith	A.	Sgt	YES ☐ NO ☒	YES ☐ NO ☒
					YES ☐ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☐

Watch Sergeant

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Wilkening	Mark	C.

Watch Commander

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	Crayton	Robert	G.

Watch Commander (**Print Name**) | Watch Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

Sergeant Eric Strong | [redacted]

Supervisor Completing Form: (**Print Name**) | Emp #: | Copy Provided to Employee by: | Emp #:

Unit Commander (**Print Name**) | Unit Commander's **Signature**: | Emp #: | Date

DISCOVERY Use Only

FO#

Hybrid Form SH-R-438P (Rev. 11/07)

Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
SUSPECT INFORMATION
911-00582-8521-144

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: Covin | First Name: Gary | Middle Name: Matthew

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [X] Male [ ] Female | Race: Black | Street Address: [redacted] | City: [redacted] | State & Zip Code: [redacted]

Work Phone: None | Home Phone: [redacted] | Age: 27 | Height: 6'02" | D.O.B. 07/31/83 | Weight: 190 lbs | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: 2662542 | Primary Charge Code: 242 PC Battery | Secondary Charge Code: 240 PC Assault | Criminal History [redacted]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [X] NO Name: ______ Unit: ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: East Los Angeles Doctor's Hospital Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: Yaser Khilfeh Address: 4060 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles 90023 Phone #: (323)268-5514

Under Influence: [ ] YES [X] NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: 03/04/11 | Time: 1010 hrs | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [X] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: ______ Unit: ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: ______ Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: ______ Address: ______ Phone #: ______

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness: [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

Suspect Information

S__

Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

AKA Last Name: | First Name: | Middle Name:

Sex: [ ] Male [ ] Female | Race: | Street Address: | City: | State & Zip Code:

Work Phone: | Home Phone: | Age: | Height: | D.O.B. | Weight: | Armed? [ ]

Booking #: | Primary Charge Code: | Secondary Charge Code: | Criminal History [ ]

EMT in attendance? [ ] YES [ ] NO Name: ______ Unit: ______ Phone #: ______

Hospital Admission? [ ] Rec'd Treatment At: ______ Coroner Case #: ______ Mental History [ ]

By Doctor: ______ Address: ______ Phone #: ______

Under Influence: [ ] YES [ ] NO Substance: ______ Mental Illness [ ]

Suspect Interview

Date: | Time: | Audiotape: [ ] | Videotape: [ ] | Photos of Injuries: [ ]

[ ] **Additional Suspects Involved**

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force
EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION
911 - 00582 - 8521 - 144

Employee Witnesses

Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
[redacted]	O'Connor	Melissa	J.

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Age	D.O.B.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph.	Home Ph.
Cabrera	Alicia		[redacted]	[redacted]	813 East 4th Street	Los Angeles	90013	213-974-9135	[redacted]
Sum	Kar		[redacted]	[redacted]	813 East 4th Street	Los Angeles	90013	213-974-9135	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
[redacted]	[redacted]		[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]	[redacted]
Ponce	Janet		[redacted]	[redacted]	813 East 4th Street	Los Angeles	90013	213-974-9135	[redacted]

☐ Additional Witness

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton: (Control)
(BI) Baton: (Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds: (Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds: (Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds: (Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device: Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device: Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hands
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(NO) Nose
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

FORCE USED BY		FORCE USED AGAINST		Method (Code)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
Name	E# or S#	Name	E# or S#			
Covin, Gary	S#1	Ponce, Gustavo	E#1	OB/PO/RS	Chipped Tooth	FA
Ponce, Gustavo	E#1	Covin, Gary	S#1	TD/RH	FR	AK
[redacted]	E#2	Covin, Gary	S#1	RH	FR	AK

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY
SIGNIFICANT USE OF FORCE

UNIT: **County Services Bureau**
DATE: March 4, 2011
TIME: 0930
LOCATION: 813 East 4th Place, Los Angeles
URN#: 911-00582-8521-144
IAB#: FO2285358

On March 4, 2011, (Friday) the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) Force and Shooting Response Team assumed the handle on a use of force in which the suspect sustained a fractured ankle as a result of the force used. The suspect's injury was not known until several hours after the incident. Due to the delay in notification there was no scene be processed or witnesses to be interviewed.

This investigation is based on statements by the involved department employees, the suspect, several witnesses, as well as written documentation.

SYNOPSIS:
Security Officer Gustavo Ponce was working at the downtown Los Angeles DPSS office when he received a call from a DPSS clerk working customer service window #1. The clerk told Ponce there was a male at the window being loud and verbally abusive to the customer service staff.

Ponce, along with Security Officer Melissa O'Connor, responded to the window and saw an African-American male (Suspect Covin) standing at the window. A barrage of profanities was rolling off the suspect's tongue as Security Officer Ponce approached him. The suspect then turned his attention toward Ponce. The suspect shouted profanities at Ponce, including an accusation that he (Ponce) was a racist. Ponce gave the suspect a warning to be quiet or he would be asked to leave.

Although the suspect continued to make loud comments about being treated like "King" (possibly referring to Rodney King), he left the window area and sat down in a lobby chair. There, he continued his verbal assault. Ponce was forced to issue a second warning to the suspect.

The suspect stood up and walked toward the exit door, and Ponce trailed behind him. As the suspect arrived at the door, he turned and looked back at Ponce, then threw his paperwork on the ground. The suspect then exited the room, via a large wooden door. As he did so, he intentionally slammed the door into Ponce.

After being hit by the door, Ponce saw that the suspect had turned toward him, and was standing in what was described as a boxer's stance (lowered center of gravity, fists in the air). The suspect lunged toward Ponce and Ponce reacted by grabbing the suspect in a "bear hug" fashion, and then forced him down onto the ground. Ponce held the suspect down until Security Officer O'Conner and Deputy [redacted] arrived. Deputy [redacted] and Security Officer Ponce grabbed the suspect's arms from underneath him and forced them behind his back where he was handcuffed without further incident.

INVOLVED PERSONNEL AND EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:

Gustavo Ponce, Security Officer, #[redacted]

Date of Employment	04/01/10
Date assigned to Unit	05/09/10
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

[redacted] Deputy, #[redacted]

Date of Employment	07/10/03
Date assigned to Patrol	[redacted]
Completed Patrol Training	[redacted]
Prior Shooting Incident(s)	[redacted]
Prior Founded Force Incidents	[redacted]

SUSPECT:
Covin, Gary, M/B, 6'02", 190 pounds, Black/Brown, DOB: 07-31-83, [redacted] Phone: [redacted]

Suspect Covin [redacted]

EMPLOYEE WITNESS:
Sheriff Security Officer Melissa O'Connor

CIVILIAN WITNESSES:
Alicia Cabrera, F/H, DOB: [redacted]

Kar Sum, M/A, DOB: [redacted]

[redacted] M/B, [redacted]

[redacted] M/H, [redacted]

Janet Ponce. F/H. [redacted]

INJURIES
Security Officer Ponce's top front tooth was knocked loose and came out sometime during the struggle.

> **IAB Note: Security Officer Ponce was in the process of having dental work done when this incident happened. His top front tooth is a false tooth that was permanently cemented in. This tooth was knocked loose and has since been replaced.**

Suspect Covin suffered a broken ankle during the altercation.

Suspect Covin was transported to East Los Angeles Doctor's hospital where he was treated for complaint of pain to his ankle and upper chest (**Refer to medical records Exhibit E**). He was then transported to LCMC.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
There is no physical evidence.

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS
IAB Investigators visited the location, at a later date, and took photographs **(Exhibit B).** The location is a Department of Social Services Building. Upon entering the location there is a large open lobby area with several rows of plastic chairs. The chairs are facing a bank of numbered windows, which are used for servicing the individuals coming to the location **(See photographs, Exhibit B).**

WEAPONS USED BY DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL
Take down
Resisted Handcuffing

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT
Personal Weapons (Hands, arms, legs)
Object – Wooden door

PROPERTY DAMAGE
None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR and CHARGES FILED

Detective Deborah Martinez #[redacted] presented this case to the Los Angeles City Attorney's Office for filing. The case was rejected on the grounds of "time served." Suspect Covin remained in custody for traffic warrants.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred at approximately 0930 hours, and it was daylight.

SCENE DESCRIPTION

This incident occurred just outside a county building on the cement sidewalk (refer to photographs, **Exhibit B**).

INVOLVED AND WITNESS EMPLOYEE STATEMENTS

This is a summary based on statements given during recorded interviews by the involved employees and witnessing employee. For complete and detailed statements refer to the digital audio files and the verbatim transcripts, which are included in this investigative casebook.

Sheriff Security Officer **Gustavo Ponce** wrote a supplemental report regarding his actions and observations during this incident. SSO Ponce was also interviewed regarding this incident. For SSO Ponce's complete and detailed statement refer to his Supplemental Report **(Exhibit A)** and the verbatim transcript or digital audio file.

SSO Ponce stated that he was inside the Sheriff's office located near the main entrance and security area when one of the window workers (Witness Cabrera) called into the office on the telephone and reported a disturbance at her window.

SSO Ponce and SSO O'Connor went to window number one, and SSO Ponce saw Suspect Covin standing near the window talking loudly and cussing. SSO Ponce asked Suspect Covin to calm down and lower his voice. Suspect Covin began cussing at SSO Ponce shouting various profanities like, "Who the fuck are you... what are you going to do?" Suspect Covin began making comments to the effect that he was not going to be treated like "King" (possibly a reference to Rodney King).

SSO Ponce advised the suspect that if he did not calm down and stop creating a disturbance, he was going to have to leave the premises. SSO Ponce then checked with Witness Cabrera and asked her what she wanted done with Suspect Covin. SSO Ponce said Witness Cabrera told him that she was not going to be able to assist Suspect Covin because he was too upset, yelling and cussing.

While SSO Ponce was talking to Witness Cabrera, Suspect Covin sat down in a chair in the front row of seats, and continued to yell profanities inside the location. SSO Ponce advised Suspect Covin that he needed to leave the premises.

Suspect Covin stood up and began walking toward the rear exit door, still yelling profanities, while SSO Ponce followed him. As he walked, he tore some papers he had in his hand and threw them on the floor in the direction of SSO Ponce. Suspect Covin reached the rear exit door and pushed it open as he proceeded to exit. As the suspect passed through the doorway, SSO Ponce, who was just a couple of steps behind the suspect, saw Suspect Covin look at him and push the door closed in an effort to slam the door on SSO Ponce.

SSO Ponce had to put both hands up to stop the door from striking him in the face. SSO Ponce said the door closed partially, and he braced the door from hitting him. SSO Ponce continued through the doorway, and as he walked out the door he came face to face with the suspect. Suspect Covin had stopped and turned back toward the door facing SSO Ponce as he exited. SSO Ponce said Suspect Covin had his hands raised up to his chin area, and clenched into fists. SSO Ponce recognized this as a fighting stance and feared that Suspect Covin was going to strike him. SSO Ponce was so close to Suspect Covin that he only had time to grab him with both arms and take him to the ground. SSO Ponce stated he had no other option at the time, because he was so close to Suspect Covin. Suspect Covin began kicking his legs at SSO Ponce and attempting to get up. SSO Ponce gave Suspect Covin verbal commands to calm down and stop resisting.

SSO Ponce stated that there were no obstacles to prevent Suspect Covin from walking out of the location and continuing outside.

> IAB Note: **When exiting the rear door there is a small area approximately six feet wide before you come to a second set of glass doors. Beyond the glass doors is the sidewalk outside the building. Suspect Ponce stated that this second set of doors remains open during business hours. At the time of our inspection of the scene, IAB Investigators observed the glass door to be open and no obstructions or obstacles to prevent a person from continuing to the sidewalk (refer to photographs, EXHIBIT B).**

SSO Ponce said SSO O'Connor came out of the door and told Suspect Covin that if he didn't stop fighting she would discharge her Taser. SSO O'Connor put out a radio broadcast requesting a deputy for assistance. SSO Ponce placed his knee on Suspect Covin, holding him down until Deputy [redacted] arrived and assisted with handcuffing the suspect.

Sheriff Security Officer **Melissa O'Connor** wrote a supplemental report regarding her actions and observations during this incident. SSO O'Connor was also interviewed regarding this incident. For SSO O'Connor's complete and detailed statement refer to her Supplemental Report **(Exhibit A)** and the verbatim transcript or digital audio file.

Witness O'Connor was working with SSO Ponce and they were in full Sheriff Security Officer uniform when they responded to a disturbance in the lobby of the location. Witness O'Connor saw Suspect Covin standing in the lobby yelling and cussing about the services he had not received.

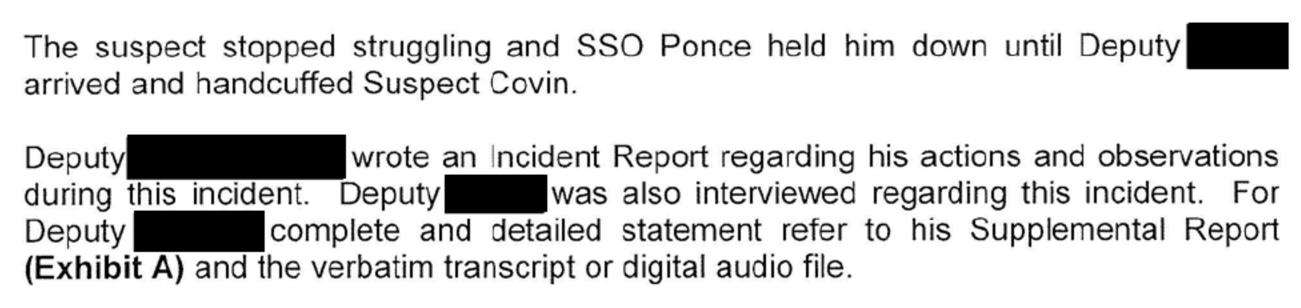
Witness O'Connor and SSO Ponce asked Suspect Covin to lower his voice and calm down several times. Suspect Covin looked at them and began cursing at the security officers.

SSO Ponce told Suspect Covin that if he did not have a seat and calm down then he was going to have to leave the location. Suspect Covin sat down in one of the chairs, but he continued yelling and cursing. SSO Ponce tried again to have the suspect lower his voice and stop creating a disturbance, but Covin continued.

SSO Ponce then told Suspect Covin he was going to have to leave the location and that he would not be helped under these conditions. Suspect Covin stood up and began walking toward the rear, east exit door. Witness O'Connor heard Suspect Covin continue to yell profanities and state something to the effect of, "You are not going to treat me like King." As Suspect Covin walked toward the door, he threw some papers he had in his hand onto the floor at SSO Ponce's feet.

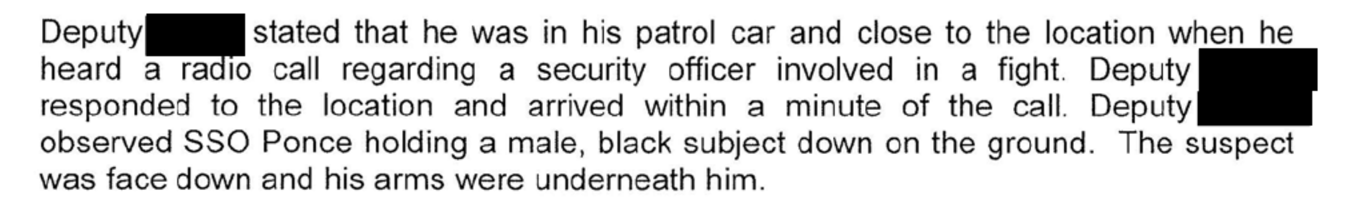
When the suspect reached the rear door, Witness O'Connor saw Suspect Covin push the door open and step outside. At that time she thought the suspect had left and the problem was over, so she turned to scan the lobby area to ensure that there were no other problems inside the location. While visually scanning the lobby, Witness O'Connor heard a thud sound and then heard what sounded like a scuffle going on outside the door.

Witness O'Connor exited the door and saw SSO Ponce grab Suspect Covin by wrapping both his arms around Covin's upper torso. O'Conner then saw Ponce take the suspect to the ground. The suspect was kicking his feet at SSO Ponce. Witness O'Connor drew her Taser from her belt and pointed it at Covin giving him verbal commands to stop fighting or she would discharge the Taser. Witness O'Connor also used her radio and requested deputy personnel assistance to the location.



The suspect stopped struggling and SSO Ponce held him down until Deputy [redacted] arrived and handcuffed Suspect Covin.

Deputy [redacted] wrote an Incident Report regarding his actions and observations during this incident. Deputy [redacted] was also interviewed regarding this incident. For Deputy [redacted] complete and detailed statement refer to his Supplemental Report **(Exhibit A)** and the verbatim transcript or digital audio file.


Deputy [redacted] stated that he was in his patrol car and close to the location when he heard a radio call regarding a security officer involved in a fight. Deputy [redacted] responded to the location and arrived within a minute of the call. Deputy [redacted] observed SSO Ponce holding a male, black subject down on the ground. The suspect was face down and his arms were underneath him.

Deputy [redacted] exited his patrol car and went to the assistance of SSO Ponce. Deputy [redacted] placed his knee on Suspect Covin's back and gave the suspect verbal commands to put his hands behind his back. Suspect Covin had his arms under his torso and did not comply with Deputy [redacted] commands. Deputy [redacted] was able to grab Suspect Covin's left arm, overcome his resistance, and bring it behind his back to apply a handcuff. SSO Ponce then pulled Suspect Covin's right arm free and placed it behind the suspect's back where he was handcuffed without further incident.

Deputy [redacted] stated that he escorted Suspect Covin to his radio car and the suspect walked on his own. Deputy [redacted] did not see any limp or favoring of either leg. Deputy [redacted] said that Suspect Covin did not complain of any pain to either leg.

Deputy [redacted] did not witness any force used by SSO Ponce, other than holding the suspect down with his body weight.

CIVILIAN WITNESS STATEMENTS

Witness **Alicia Cabrera** was interviewed at the time of the incident, and the interview was video recorded. For Witness Cabrera's complete and detailed statement refer to the video recorded interview.

Witness Cabrera was working inside the location at window #1. She saw Suspect Covin at window #2 yelling at her co-worker (Witness Kar). Suspect Covin then came to Witness Cabrera's window, and was yelling about receiving his benefits. Suspect Covin was also demanding to speak to a supervisor. Witness Cabrera told Suspect Covin he was going to have to wait until a supervisor was available. Suspect Covin refused to leave window # 1 and continued yelling profanities.

Because Suspect Covin continued yelling and cussing, creating a disturbance inside the location, Witness Cabrera called for security. SSO Ponce and SSO O'Connor came to her window within seconds of her calling. When SSO Ponce approached Suspect Covin, the suspect immediately began yelling and cussing at SSO Ponce. Witness Cabrera explained to SSO Ponce what had happened. Witness Cabrera heard SSO Ponce tell Suspect Covin that he was going to have to wait calmly to see a worker or leave the location.

Witness Cabrera said Suspect Covin was yelling loudly so she turned off her microphone, but could still hear him yelling and cussing. Witness Cabrera saw the suspect start walking towards the exit, and SSO Ponce followed behind him. Witness Cabrera did not witness any force or altercation.

Witness [redacted] was interviewed at the time of the incident, and the interview was video recorded. For Witness [redacted] complete and detailed statement refer to the video recorded interview.

Witness [redacted] was [redacted] as [redacted] for "[redacted]," and was assigned to the location. Witness [redacted] was stationed at the back door of the location when he heard Suspect Covin creating a disturbance in the lobby. Witness [redacted] saw SSO's Ponce and O'Connor try to calm Suspect Covin down, but the suspect would not comply. SSO Ponce asked Suspect Covin to leave the location, and the suspect eventually stood up and began walking toward the exit door ([redacted] post).

Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Covin exit the rear door and slam the door as he walked out. Witness [redacted] said he saw the suspect intentionally push the door as SSO Ponce was walking right behind Suspect Covin. Witness [redacted] did not see if the door hit SSO Ponce or not.

Witness [redacted] saw SSO Ponce grab Suspect Covin and could hear that Suspect Covin still had an aggressive demeanor. Witness [redacted] could not see Suspect Covin or his actions because SSO Ponce was between Witness [redacted] and Suspect Covin.

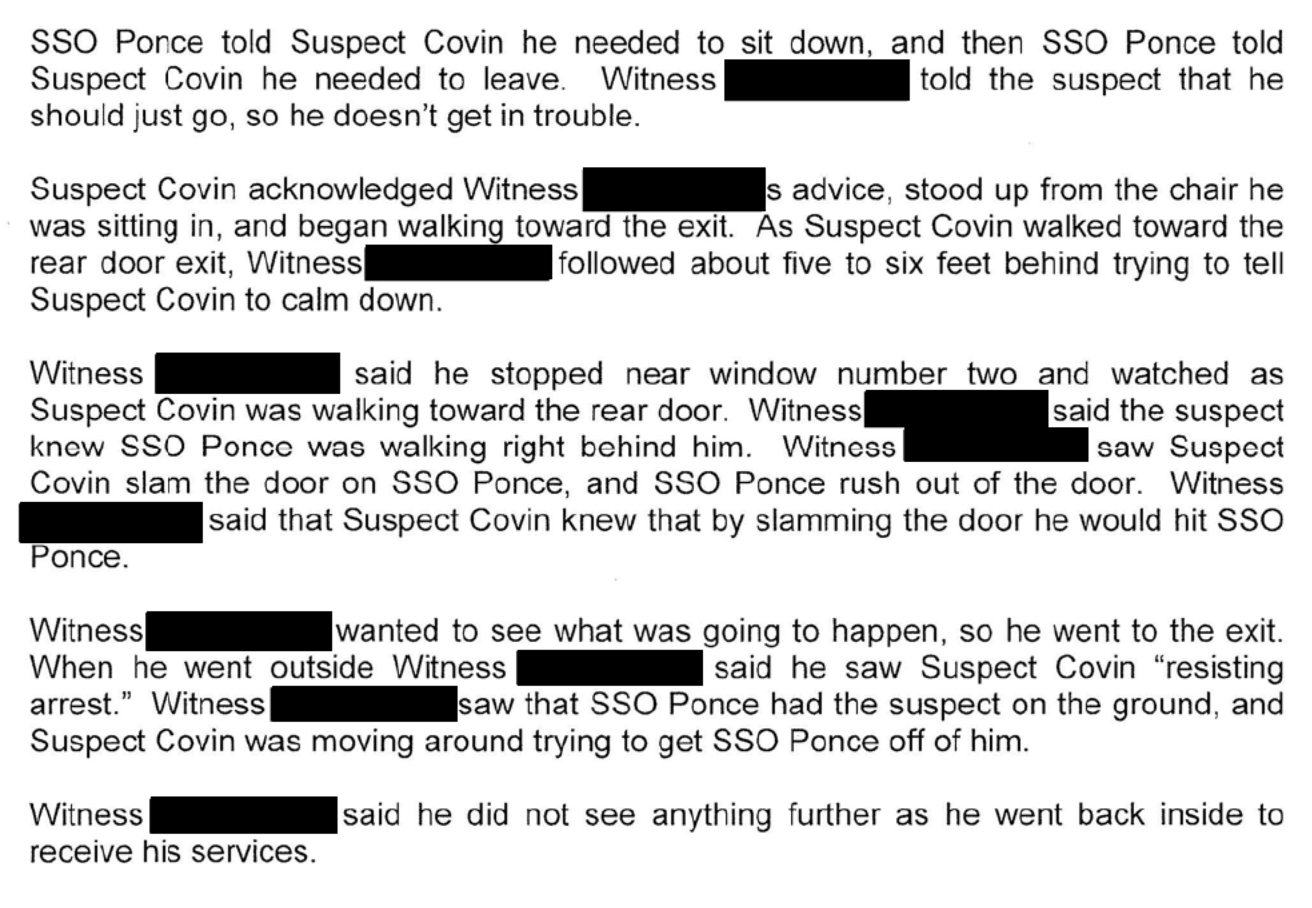
Witness [redacted] then saw SSO Ponce on the ground on top of Suspect Covin, but did not see how they got on the ground. Suspect Covin was kicking his legs and trying to pull his arms away from SSO Ponce. SSO Ponce was telling the suspect to be calm and was trying to handcuff Suspect Covin. SSO Ponce couldn't get Suspect Covin handcuffed, because the suspect continued to struggle.

Deputy [redacted] arrived and assisted with handcuffing the suspect. Witness [redacted] heard Suspect Covin continue to yell and heard Suspect Covin say he was going to shoot SSO Ponce and Deputy [redacted]

Witness [redacted] was interviewed at the time of the incident, and the interview was video recorded. For Witness [redacted] complete and detailed statement refer to the video recorded interview.

Witness [redacted] was at the location waiting to be seen when he saw Suspect Covin talking to a worker at one of the windows. The worker told Suspect Covin that he would have to wait to be helped, and Suspect Covin began cussing saying, "Hurry the fuck up... why is it taking so long."

Witness [redacted] saw security officers (SSO Ponce and SSO O'Connor) approach the suspect. SSO Ponce told Suspect Covin that he needed to sit down, and calm down or he would be escorted out. Suspect Covin then directed his anger and profanity at SSO Ponce.



SSO Ponce told Suspect Covin he needed to sit down, and then SSO Ponce told Suspect Covin he needed to leave. Witness [redacted] told the suspect that he should just go, so he doesn't get in trouble.

Suspect Covin acknowledged Witness [redacted]s advice, stood up from the chair he was sitting in, and began walking toward the exit. As Suspect Covin walked toward the rear door exit, Witness [redacted] followed about five to six feet behind trying to tell Suspect Covin to calm down.

Witness [redacted] said he stopped near window number two and watched as Suspect Covin was walking toward the rear door. Witness [redacted] said the suspect knew SSO Ponce was walking right behind him. Witness [redacted] saw Suspect Covin slam the door on SSO Ponce, and SSO Ponce rush out of the door. Witness [redacted] said that Suspect Covin knew that by slamming the door he would hit SSO Ponce.

Witness [redacted] wanted to see what was going to happen, so he went to the exit. When he went outside Witness [redacted] said he saw Suspect Covin "resisting arrest." Witness [redacted] saw that SSO Ponce had the suspect on the ground, and Suspect Covin was moving around trying to get SSO Ponce off of him.

Witness [redacted] said he did not see anything further as he went back inside to receive his services.

Witness **Janet Ponce** was interviewed at the time of the incident, and the interview was video recorded. For Witness Ponce's complete and detailed statement refer to the video recorded interview.

Witness Ponce was working at window number 11 and could see Suspect Covin walking toward the exit door with SSO Ponce following right behind him. Suspect Covin said something to SSO Ponce (Witness Ponce could not hear what was said from her position), and threw some paper at SSO Ponce while he was walking.

When the suspect walked through the exit door, he grabbed the door and tried to push the door closed toward SSO Ponce. Witness Ponce could not see what happened from her position, so she moved to window nine. From that vantage point, she could see SSO Ponce and Suspect Covin on the ground. She saw arms flailing and then the door closed and she couldn't see anything else.

Witness **Kar Sum** was interviewed at the time of the incident, and the interview was video recorded. For Witness Kar's complete and detailed statement, refer to the video recorded interview.

Witness Kar was working at window #2 when Suspect Covin approached and tried to converse with him. Witness Kar thinks the suspect became frustrated because he could not understand what Witness Kar was saying, so the suspect went to Witness Cabrera's window. Witness Kar heard Suspect Covin cursing and call Witness Cabrera a "bitch." Witness Kar saw Witness Cabrera call for security. Witness Kar saw SSO Ponce respond to the area and speak to Suspect Covin. Witness Kar heard SSO Ponce ask the suspect to calm down and stop creating a disturbance. Witness Kar began helping others and did not see any other contact with Suspect Covin. Witness Kar did not witness any force.